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MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Dee Brown, on March 8, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Dee Brown, Chair (R)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Sue Malek (D)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)
Sen. Nels Swandal (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Barbara Pietuch, Committee Secretary
Rachel Weiss, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 86, 2/24/2017; HB 101, 2/24/2017; HB 282, 2/24/2017

Other: HB 101: Referred back to Committee for
Discussion on Amendment

00:00:01 Chair Brown

HEARING ON HB 86

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:08:44 Rep. Kathy Swanson (D), HD 77, opened the hearing on HB 86, Authorize youth election judges.

[EXHIBIT](#)(sts48a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:11:32 Rina Moore, clerk and recorder, Cascade County

00:13:36 Rep. Jacob Bachmeier, HD 28

00:15:39 Kathy Bramer, volunteer advocate, Montana AARP

00:17:42 Katy Westhoff, campus organizer, Montana Public Interest Research Group

00:19:08 Eric Bryson, lobbyist, Montana Association of Counties

00:20:19 Megan Ogle, self,

00:21:12 Claudette Morton, public policy chair, Montana League of Women Voters

00:22:05 Sen. Sue Malek, SD 46

Opponents' Testimony:

00:24:08 Becky Stockton, self, election judge, Helena

[EXHIBIT](#)(sts48a02)

00:32:23 Patrick McCain, self

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:33:20 Sen. Smith

00:33:33 Rep. Bachmeier

00:35:00 Chair Brown

00:35:24 Sen. Malek

00:35:35 Rep. Swanson

00:36:18 Chair Brown

00:36:35 Sen. Whitford

00:37:20 Ms. Ogle, self

00:38:12 Sen. Whitford

00:38:43 Ms. Stockton, self

00:39:17 Chair Brown

00:39:27 Sen. Whitford

00:39:45 Ms. Stockton

Closing by Sponsor:

00:40:10 Rep. Swanson

HEARING ON HB 101

(referred back to committee for consideration of amendment)

00:01:22 Rep. Wendy McKamey (R), HD 19, opened the hearing on HB 101, Generally revise MPERA public employee retirement systems.

[EXHIBIT](#)(sts48a03)

Discussion on Amendment:

00:02:21 Eric Bryson, lobbyist, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
00:04:46 Sen. Malek
00:05:02 Mr. Bryson, MACo
00:05:50 Sen Malek
00:06:06 Mr. Bryson
00:06:35 Melanie Symon, legal counsel, Public Employee Retirement Administration, Department of Administration
00:07:40 Jessie Luther, lobbyist, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association
00:08:19 Chair Brown

HEARING ON HB 282

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:41:30 Rep. Mike Cuffe (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HB 282, Grant county commission authority to correct certain election results.

[EXHIBIT](#)(sts48a04)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:47:04 Eric Bryson, lobbyist, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:48:48 Sen. Kary
00:49:12 Mr. Bryson, MACo
00:50:24 Sen. Kary
00:50:31 Mr. Bryson
00:51:01 Sen. Smith
00:51:09 Mr. Bryson
00:53:22 Sen. Malek
00:53:40 Mr. Bryson
00:54:22 Sen. Malek
00:54:52 Rep. Cuffe
00:58:32 Chair Brown
00:58:35 Sen. Malek
00:58:57 Rep. Cuffe

00:59:13 Sen. Kary
00:59:40 Rep. Cuffe
01:00:19 Mr. Bryson
01:00:56 Sen. Smith
01:01:08 Mr. Bryson

Closing by Sponsor:

01:02:11 Rep. Cuffe

Committee Business:

01:03:28 Chair Brown

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:05 PM

Barbara Pietuch, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sts48aad.pdf](#))